5 Year Trends for CSUN’s First-Time Freshmen

Selected findings from the 2011-2015 CIRP Freshman Survey

Over the past 5 administrations of the Freshman Survey, 21,138 new freshmen at CSUN have completed the Freshman Survey during orientation. This represents 80% of all freshmen from the last 5 years.

What has changed about our freshmen?

The percentage of Latina/o students has increased steadily from 57.8% in 2011 to 68.5% in 2015.
What has changed in the last 5 years?

**Student’s Financial Situations**

As we recover from the most recent recession, the number of freshmen who spent more than 5 hours per week working for pay during their last year in high school rose from 21.6% in 2011 to 33.9% in 2015.

Our students are also increasingly independent, with the number of students expecting to rely on family resources to fund their education falling from 72.4% in 2011 to 57.5% in 2015.

**Acceptance of Diversity Is on the Rise**

CSUN students report an above average ability to work cooperatively with diverse people. This has grown from 76.9% in 2011 to 84.5% in 2015.

**The Number of Freshmen Who Smoked Cigarettes in High School Has Steadily Decreased.**

10.4% in 2011 → 4.9% in 2015
What has remained stable?

*Percentages in this section represent a 5-year average, where year-to-year fluctuations were less than 2% in either direction.

**Household Income**

This has remained low but stable during the last five years, with the percentage of families earning below $30,000 per year holding at about 45%.

Consistently, about 75% of students rate themselves as having above average drive to achieve.

During this period, incoming freshmen continued to report focusing on:

- about 90% of our CSUN freshmen spent time studying with other students.
- about 80% of our freshmen performed volunteer work.
- about 60% of our freshmen spent time tutoring other students.

For more information about the CIRP Freshman Survey, visit:
http://heri.ucla.edu/cirp-freshman-survey/

For a more detailed summary of the 2015 Freshman Survey results, contact us at IR@csun.edu

To learn more about our freshmen, visit CSUN by the Numbers
http://www.csun.edu/institutional-research